

III. REMARKS

In the Office Action, correction was required of claim 11; the requisite correction has been made by this response. Objection was made to dependent claim 36 for failure to limit a preceding claim. Claim 36 has been canceled because its subject matter appears in parent claim 34.

Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failure to comply with the written description of the specification, as set forth in the Action. Accordingly, claim 33 has been canceled. Dependent claims 6, 19, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for language which is inconsistent with their respective parent claims 1, 14 and 34, as set forth in the Action. Accordingly, claims 6, 19 and 37 have been canceled.

As noted in the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8-18, 21-31, 34-35, 38-39 and 42 are allowable.

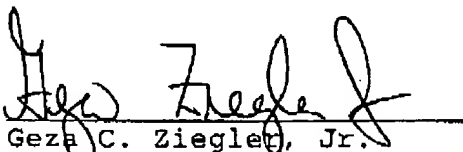
Claims 6-7, 19-20, 32-33, 36-37, 40-41 and 43 have been canceled.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable

reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for a one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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